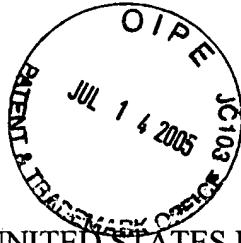


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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/577,980 ) Art Unit: 2133  
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A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been submitted concurrently herewith. Prior to continued examination, Applicants respectfully requests the Examiner further to amend the above-identified application as follows, and to consider the Remarks made herein.

The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning at page 3, and the Remarks begin at page 7